

**Magnolia  
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**FINANCIAL NEWS  
AND COMMENT**

New Standard Oil 'Melon' Offers Bearer Factors in Irregular Market.

Conflicting influences were at work in the financial markets yesterday, and as a consequence there was a large amount of irregularity in price movements. Early alarm concerning developments in the Turkish affair passed, but not until after it had had a material effect on the course of the various markets. The big melon-canning announced by the Standard Oil Company of New York proved a steady influence, but the rise of call money to 5 per cent. in the late trading was a factor which was not entirely overlooked.

While price changes were decidedly mixed in the stock market, there was pretty clear evidence of a greatly strengthened technical position and an enlarged buying power as a result of the reaction of the last two or three days. The market was the more important and more active, issuing plenty of supporting orders just under the market and it was pretty evident that professional efforts to cause a bad break in the general market could not be very effective. Those efforts clearly had the early trading and many issues were downed for a time, but the rallying tendencies displayed over every dip of consequence were sufficiently significant to cause a change of tactics.

The need only for the announcement that the Standard Oil Company of New York had declared a 2-cent dividend, decided to furnish the incentive for the upward swing and, led by the Standard issues, the general market advanced rather easily. Later there was some profit taking in the leaders, but generally they held well.

The trading in United States Steel common was particularly impressive. That stock was put to 106 in the last hour of business and only needed 5 from its high before the close. With trading figures to be announced on Tuesday, it is to be expected that an increase in unfilled orders will be made. Traders were heavy buyers of steel, planning to adopt a position which probably would prove profitable if the market reflected properly the big increase in unfilled orders.

The Standard Oil group, of course, is the real interest centered, and the speculative which followed the New York company's announcement is nothing short of wild. The stock of the company affected advanced 53 points to a new high record at 635. Gains of from 2 or 3 to 25 points were made in some of the others. It probably is not unusual to expect that similar action will be taken in various times by some of the other standard companies. Certainly the shares of many of them are selling far out of line with the market.

If some such distribution is not in contemplation,

In the bond market there was a similar measure of irregularity. Oil bonds, which were very strong and many of the high grade railroad issues held firm around record highs. The Liberty group was higher with the exception of a 4 per cent. Victory notes.

The increase in call money rates in the late trading reflected, no doubt, the lower reserve position of the Federal reserve system shown in Thursday's statement.

Foreign exchanges reacted early in the day on the unfavorable news from abroad, although later cables indicating that the morning's dispatches did not present a strictly accurate picture of the situation were responsible for a substantial rally. German marks made a new low of a cent. This day, as measured in hundreds of a cent, was as measured in the last year. A German bank statement showing circulation up by 26,000,000 marks to above 300,000,000 marks, but it is hardly likely that the prolific output of new paper money is any longer a factor. Certainly the German Government has advertised its intention to keep up the operations of its printing presses and any exchange operations based on that premise are very likely to have been completed long since.

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**BIG DEVELOPMENTS  
EXPECTED IN DENVER**

**Announcement About Road  
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**TO BUILD BIG ELECTRIC LINE.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—An application was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day by the Staley system of electrified railroads for permission to build a 950 mile line in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona with 225 miles of branch lines. The projected road is to start at the Mexican border in Pima county, Ariz., and run northward through the San Juan basin.

**FINANCIAL NOTES.**

P. W. Chapman & Co. announce that H. M. Erskine has joined the sales staff of their New York office.

The American Trust Company has been made transfer agent and registrar of the common stock of the Commanders Motor Corporation of Chicago, Ill.

Billings, O. C. & Co. have prepared a circular concerning American Can Company and its subsidiary companies.

Elliott, Miller & Carey have issued a special letter describing the position and prospects of the Cuban Cane Sugar Corporation.

**MONEY MARKET.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

Parity: Sterling: day, Sept. 29, 1922.

Friday: 1.41. 4.41. \$4.34.

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